

**STATE SENATOR**

**CHUCK GRAHAM**

**DISTRICT 19**

**BOONE & RANDOLPH COUNTIES**

**2005 REPORT**



Dear Friends,

As your state senator, communicating with the citizens of Boone and Randolph counties is one of the most important aspects of my job. This newsletter helps accomplish that goal.

This publication contains information about this past legislative session, which was a challenging one to say the least. Some good legislation was approved, but other bills, such as the ones that took away people's health-care insurance and shortchanged the finances for most of our local schools were issues I voted against and actively opposed.

This newsletter also includes a listing of state government contacts, information on what to do when visiting Jefferson City and a feature on local citizens who were chosen to lead important state boards and commissions.

Being elected to serve as your state senator is the most gratifying honor that I've ever received. Representing the 165,000 citizens of Boone and Randolph counties is an awesome responsibility, and it's one that I take seriously every day. Thank you for letting me be your voice in Jefferson City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chuck Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

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## **Sen. Graham Leads the Fight for Important Research**

One of the most contentious issues of the 2005 legislative session was a bill that would have outlawed certain types of medical research in Missouri. Sen. Chuck Graham fought the bill the entire session, and it died after many hours of debate.

Senate Bill 160 would have made it a felony for certain types of “stem cell” research to be conducted in Missouri. Stem cells are tiny cells that have the unique ability to develop into every type of cell in the human body. Scientists have begun very promising research that uses these special cells to possibly help people with diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer’s and muscular dystrophy. Some legislators want to make this research illegal because they believe it results in the cloning of a human being, but most experts do not agree with that theory.

The economic cost of banning stem cell research would also be significant. Important stem cell research has already begun at the Uni-

versity of Missouri, and life science projects in St. Louis and Kansas City would also be jeopardized if this legislation were to pass.

Legislators who want to ban stem cell research have promised to renew their efforts next year, and Sen. Graham will be ready to oppose them again.



*Sen. Graham is shown here on the Senate floor debating legislation that would outlaw stem cell research.*

## **Legislative Work Results in Awards for Sen. Graham**

Sen. Chuck Graham’s work in the Senate earned him two prestigious awards.

The University of Missouri-Columbia and the MU Alumni Association presented the 2005 Geyer Public Service Award to Sen. Graham in April. The senator was recognized for his efforts to support funding for higher education in general and specific programs such as the University of

Missouri health-care system. He was also recognized for publicly articulating the Alumni Association’s concerns regarding Southwest Missouri State University’s taking of the name Missouri State University.

The Geyer Award is annually given to one elected official and one citizen who does not work in government. The award is named after Henry S. Geyer, a state legislator who sponsored the initial legislation establishing the University in 1839.

Sen. Graham was also named as a “2005 Defender of Patient Safety” by Missouri Watch, Inc. This award was presented to the senator at a banquet in May.

Missouri Watch, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides a voice for Missourians who are the victims of medical negligence. The families and interested citizens who make up this coalition promote patient safety through education programs for health-care professionals, consumers and public policy makers.



*Shown here at the Geyer Award dinner (from left to right) are MU Chancellor Brady Deaton, Geyer Award recipients Sen. Chuck Graham and Jim Sterling, and Alumni Association President Doug Crews.*

## Graham Legislation Becomes Law

In many instances, senators who are in the minority political party are forced to spend much of their time opposing legislation that they believe would be harmful to the state. While Sen. Chuck Graham certainly fought to prevent bad bills from getting passed, he also sponsored legislation that is now state law.

Sen. Graham was the primary sponsor of **Senate Bill 507**. This measure will make county government more efficient, and was a priority of the county auditor's association. SB 507 allows counties to use auditing guidelines that are similar to state regulations involving the inventory of property. The new guidelines will now make it possible for counties to concentrate on keeping track of major property and spend less time on insignificant items.

Sen. Graham also played a major part in getting an amendment added to **SB 262**. The amendment creates a process for restaurants and other businesses that have liquor licenses to move into business districts that include eclectic enterprises such as apartments, churches, schools and government offices. For the past few years, businesses with liquor licenses were either stuck in their current locations or couldn't move into areas that were near churches or schools. This bill lets local city councils decide if it is proper for these moves to take place and assures proper notification will be given to all property owners in the affected areas.

## Legislative Successes & Disappointments

Like every session, the 2005 regular legislative session contained both successes and disappointments. Sometimes when a proposal *doesn't* pass, that's a success. Included in that group was Governor Blunt's proposal to eliminate the First Steps program for developmentally disabled children. Listed below, however, are bills (both good and bad) that did pass and have become law.

### Positive:

**SB 10** - Helps crack down on methamphetamine production

**SB 355** - Extends Missouri's ethanol-incentive program

**HB 64** - Makes permanent the "back-to-school" sales tax holiday every August

### Negative:

**SB 1** - Flawed bill that will make it harder for people injured on the job to collect workers' compensation benefits

**SB 287** - Reduces the amount of future funding for most local schools and provides no way to pay for future funding

**SB 539** - Takes away health insurance for 100,000 Missourians and reduces benefits for 330,000 additional citizens

## Why Wait in Line?

Did you know many people can renew their license plates without having to go to a Department of Revenue fee office? Just get on the Internet and go to [www.plates.mo.gov](http://www.plates.mo.gov). This is the Missouri Online Registration Exchange (MORE).

To be prepared, here are the items you'll need when renewing your license plate online: the renewal notice you received in the mail, your paid personal property tax receipt(s), your vehicle insurance card and a filled-out safety inspection certificate (if applicable). You can pay with a major credit card or by using E-checks. This site can't be used for renewal of driver's licenses, specialty license plates (like vanity plates or MU plates), boat registrations or disabled placards.

Any questions? Call the Department of Revenue at (573) 526-3669.





## **Area Citizens Are Chosen To Lead State**

Several residents of the 19th Senatorial District have chosen to give their time and dedication to to state boards, commissions and councils. When the governor appoints the heads of state departments, the Governor's Appointments Committee. Sen. Graham serves as a member of the committee, and he is pictured



**Greg Steinhoff** of Columbia was approved to head one of the state's most important departments—the Department of Economic Development.



Columbia resident **Martha Boswell** was appointed to serve as a member of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.



**Dr. Mike Nichols** of Columbia is one of the area's most respected optometrists and is now a member of the State Board of Optometry.



**Dana Thompson** of Columbia is a member of the Probation and Parole Board, and he is shown here accompanied by his family.

## partments, Councils, and Commissions

nake Missouri a better place to live. They do this by serving as state employees or as volunteers  
ents or members of various boards, they must then be approved by the Senate Gubernatorial  
ow with area citizens whose appointments he was proud to sponsor.



**Hal James** is president of Mizzou Credit Union in Columbia, and he is now also a member of the state's Credit Union Commission.



**Mary Cottom** of Hartsburg worked in Jefferson City for many years and is now a member of the Missouri Women's Council.



**Dale Roberts** of Columbia is now the supervisor for the Missouri Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control.



**Kevin Sprouse** of Columbia was appointed to the Life Sciences Research Board. He is shown here with his family.

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## 19th Senate District Contact Information

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## Smother, Safer, Sooner

### Passage of Amendment 3 Allows for More Road Projects

Last November's approval of Amendment 3 has made it possible for the Missouri Department of Transportation to invest in projects that will result in safer roads and increased economic development. Amendment 3 called for money that had been spent in other state departments to go directly to MoDOT. This action allowed for previously planned projects to be completed earlier than expected, and it also made it possible for MoDOT to sell bonds to raise even more money.

Work has recently started or been completed on a number of projects in the 19th Senatorial District, and other projects have been put on a list to be completed in the next few years.

*Included among all these projects are:*

**Randolph County** - Resurfacing of pavement on Highway 63 in Moberly and right-of-way acquisition and replacement of bridges on Highway 24.

**Boone County** - Resurfacing of Interstate 70; widening of Highway 763; pavement treatments for Routes AC and B and Highways 63, 163 and 740; connecting Scott Boulevard to Route K; and improved striping on Highway 63 between Ashland and Jefferson City.



*Pete Rahn, the director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, is shown here participating in a highway safety promotion on U.S. Highway 63 in Boone County.*

## **Boone & Randolph County Citizens Visit Sen. Graham at the Capitol**



*Jessica Bennett of Moberly and Samara Fagin of Huntsville were part of a "Job Shadow" day at the Capitol with Sen. Graham.*



*Dane Fuhrman is shown receiving a resolution from Sen. Graham. Dane was a state wrestling champ and co-valedictorian at Moberly High School.*

### **Jefferson City Attractions**

The Missouri State Capitol, which includes the Missouri State Museum, is open each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-in visitors are welcome, but reservations for free guided tours are available by calling (573) 751-2854. The Capitol is closed New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Other Jefferson City attractions and the phone numbers for more information are listed below:

**Governor's Mansion - (573) 751-7929;**

**Runge Conservation Nature Center - (573) 526-5544;**

**Jefferson Landing (one block from the Capitol) - (573) 751-3475;**

**Highway Patrol Museum - (573) 526-6149.**



*A group from Randolph County that regularly uses OATS transportation came to Jefferson City to visit Sen. Graham.*



*Rep. Jeff Harris (left) and Rep. Judy Baker (right) joined Sen. Graham in congratulating Gregg Nesbitt, coach of the state championship Hickman football team.*



*Sen. Graham shares some time on the Senate floor with his chief of staff Ted Farnen, Price Phillips of Columbia and Sen. Rita Days of St. Louis County.*



*Columbia native and NASCAR sensation Carl Edwards visited the Capitol in April. Carl was recognized for his achievements with a resolution from Sen. Graham.*

## **STATE OFFICIALS CONTACT INFORMATION**

Unless otherwise noted, the mailing address for the following officials is:  
State Capitol, 201 West Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Governor Matt Blunt .....(573) 751-3222  
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Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-4211  
Department of Conservation P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-4115  
Department of Corrections P.O. Box 236, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-2389  
Department of Economic Development P.O. Box 1157, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-4962  
Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-4212  
Department of Health P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-6001 or (573) 751-6420  
Department of Higher Education 3515 Amazonas Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.....(573) 751-2361  
Department of Insurance P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0690.....(573) 751-4126  
Dept. of Labor & Industrial Relations 3315 W. Truman Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65109.....(573) 751-9691  
Department of Mental Health P.O. Box 687, 1706 E. Elm, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....1-800-364-9687  
Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-3443  
Department of Public Safety P.O. Box 749, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....1-888-FYI-MDPS  
Department of Revenue P.O. Box 311, Jefferson City, MO 65105.....(573) 751-4450  
Department of Social Services P.O. Box 1527, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-4815  
Department of Transportation P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102.....(573) 751-2551

All departments can be accessed through Missouri's state government home page at [www.mo.gov](http://www.mo.gov)

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